IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

| | Obj. Deadline: May 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. ET |
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| Debtors. | (Jointly Administered) |
| FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1 | Case No. 22-11068 (JTD) |
| In re: | Chapter 11 |

NINTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS TAX SERVICES PROVIDER TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2023

| Name of Applicant | Ernst & Young LLP |
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| Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: | the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession |
| Date of Retention: | January 17, 2023 nunc pro tunc to November 28, 2022 |
| Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought: | August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 |
| Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: | \$1,899,489.25 |
| 80% of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: | \$1,519,591.40 |
| Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary: | \$21,319.67 |

| This is $a(n) X$ | monthly | interim | final application. | No prior | application | has 1 | been | filed |
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| with respect to | this Fee Period | 1. | | | | | | |

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX. The principal place of business of Debtor Emergent Fidelity Technologies Ltd is Unit 3B, Bryson's Commercial Complex, Friars Hill Road, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

PRIOR MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS FILED

| Dated Filed | Period Covered | Requested Fees | Requested Expenses | Approved Fee | Approved Expenses |
|---|---|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| D.I. 847 filed on March 10, 2023 | November 28, 2023 through December 31, 2023 | \$1,264,113.80 | \$12,330.63 | *** | 0.00.016.71 |
| D.I. 1500 filed on May 16, 2023 | January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023 | \$1,130,705.00 | \$32,893.58 | \$2,086,386.45 | \$43,916.74 |
| D.I. 1627 filed on June 13, 2023 | February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 | \$1,215,238.75 | \$10,381.09 | | |
| D.I. 1932 filed on July 27, 2023 | March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 | \$1,596,707.00 | \$26,108.75 | | |
| D.I. 2985 filed on October 3, 2023 | April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 | \$1,372,281.75 | \$7,276.19 | | |
| D.I. 3377 filed on October 25, 2023 | May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 | \$1,327,255.00 | \$17,767.20 | | |
| D.I. 5317 filed on January 3, 2024 | June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 | \$1,428,255.75 | \$4,846.35 | | |

SUMMARY OF BILLING BY PROFESSIONAL AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2023

| Name | Туре | Rank | Hours | Hourly Rate | Total Individual Fees |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Lowery,Kristie L | Billable | National Partner/Principal | 64.20 | 1,040.00 | 66,768.00 |
| Lowery,Kristie L | Travel ¹ | National Partner/Principal | 7.60 | 520.00 | 3,952.00 |
| McComber,Donna | Billable | National Partner/Principal | 27.10 | 1,040.00 | 28,184.00 |
| Bailey,Doug | Billable | Partner/Principal | 102.90 | 866.00 | 89,111.40 |
| Cavusoglu,Coskun | Billable | Partner/Principal | 3.40 | 866.00 | 2,944.40 |
| Delff,Björn | Billable | Partner/Principal | 3.00 | 866.00 | 2,598.00 |
| Dossche,Gino | Billable | Partner/Principal | 2.00 | 866.00 | 1,732.00 |
| Farrar, Anne | Billable | Partner/Principal | 0.50 | 866.00 | 433.00 |
| Ferris,Tara | Billable | Partner/Principal | 2.40 | 866.00 | 2,078.40 |
| Haniford,Lori | Billable | Partner/Principal | 0.60 | 866.00 | 519.60 |
| LaGarde,Stephen | Billable | Partner/Principal | 1.10 | 866.00 | 952.60 |
| Leston,Juan | Billable | Partner/Principal | 8.50 | 866.00 | 7,361.00 |
| Lovelace,Lauren | Billable | Partner/Principal | 55.00 | 866.00 | 47,630.00 |
| Nakagami,Jun | Billable | Partner/Principal | 0.50 | 866.00 | 433.00 |
| Rumford,Neil | Billable | Partner/Principal | 1.70 | 866.00 | 1,472.20 |
| Shea JR, Thomas M | Billable | Partner/Principal | 88.50 | 866.00 | 76,641.00 |
| Suto,Ichiro | Billable | Partner/Principal | 1.90 | 866.00 | 1,645.40 |
| Walker, Rachael Leigh | | | | | |
| Braswell | Billable | Partner/Principal | 14.00 | 866.00 | 12,124.00 |
| Borts,Michael | Billable | Managing Director | 24.50 | 814.00 | 19,943.00 |
| Bost,Anne | Billable | Managing Director | 84.40 | 814.00 | 68,701.60 |
| Bowden,Jamie | Billable | Managing Director | 0.50 | 814.00 | 407.00 |
| DeVincenzo,Jennie | Billable | Managing Director | 42.60 | 814.00 | 34,676.40 |
| Dudrear, David | Billable | Managing Director | 1.60 | 814.00 | 1,302.40 |
| Flagg,Nancy A. | Billable | Managing Director | 9.50 | 814.00 | 7,733.00 |
| Jackel,Jonathan | Billable | Managing Director | 1.00 | 814.00 | 814.00 |
| Momah,Sandra | Billable | Managing Director | 4.00 | 814.00 | 3,256.00 |
| Soderman, Kathy | Billable | Managing Director | 1.60 | 814.00 | 1,302.40 |
| Adegun,Adeyemi | Billable | Senior Manager | 15.00 | 683.00 | 10,245.00 |
| Berman,Jake | Billable | Senior Manager | 95.20 | 683.00 | 65,021.60 |
| Bruns, Alexander | Billable | Senior Manager | 2.20 | 683.00 | 1,502.60 |
| Devona Bahadur,Michele | Billable | Senior Manager | 1.20 | 683.00 | 819.60 |
| Espley-Ault,Olivia | Billable | Senior Manager | 2.80 | 683.00 | 1,912.40 |
| Gatt,Katie | Billable | Senior Manager | 5.50 | 683.00 | 3,756.50 |
| Gil Diez de Leon,Marta | Billable | Senior Manager | 12.80 | 683.00 | 8,742.40 |
| Goto,Keisuke | Billable | Senior Manager | 2.00 | 683.00 | 1,366.00 |
| Haas,Zach | Billable | Senior Manager | 30.20 | 683.00 | 20,626.60 |
| Hamano, Taisuke | Billable | Senior Manager | 0.60 | 683.00 | 409.80 |
| Healy,John | Billable | Senior Manager | 21.90 | 683.00 | 14,957.70 |
| Healy,John | Travel ¹ | Senior Manager | 6.30 | 341.50 | 2,151.45 |

| Name | Туре | Rank | Hours | Hourly Rate | Total Individual Fees |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Hernandez, Nancy I. | Billable | Senior Manager | 25.00 | 683.00 | 17,075.00 |
| Jayanthi,Lakshmi | Billable | Senior Manager | 4.10 | 683.00 | 2,800.30 |
| Jimenez, Joseph Robert | Billable | Senior Manager | 2.80 | 683.00 | 1,912.40 |
| Katsnelson, David | Billable | Senior Manager | 25.10 | 683.00 | 17,143.30 |
| Knüwer,Stephanie | Billable | Senior Manager | 5.70 | 683.00 | 3,893.10 |
| Matsuo,Eiko | Billable | Senior Manager | 0.50 | 683.00 | 341.50 |
| Mosdzin,Dennis | Billable | Senior Manager | 15.50 | 683.00 | 10,586.50 |
| Musano, Matthew Albert | Billable | Senior Manager | 13.60 | 683.00 | 9,288.80 |
| Papachristodoulou,Elpida | Billable | Senior Manager | 0.60 | 683.00 | 409.80 |
| Rule,Martin Daniel | Billable | Senior Manager | 2.20 | 683.00 | 1,502.60 |
| Schwarzwälder, Christian | Billable | Senior Manager | 4.50 | 683.00 | 3,073.50 |
| Staromiejska,Kinga | Billable | Senior Manager | 19.30 | 683.00 | 13,181.90 |
| Taniguchi,Keisuke | Billable | Senior Manager | 0.50 | 683.00 | 341.50 |
| Tong,Chia-Hui | Billable | Senior Manager | 64.50 | 683.00 | 44,053.50 |
| Wong,Charlotte | Billable | Senior Manager | 0.60 | 683.00 | 409.80 |
| Wrenn,Kaitlin Doyle | Billable | Senior Manager | 146.20 | 683.00 | 99,854.60 |
| Wrenn,Kaitlin Doyle | Travel ¹ | Senior Manager | 7.60 | 341.50 | 2,595.40 |
| Yang,Rachel Sim | Billable | Senior Manager | 110.50 | 683.00 | 75,471.50 |
| Billings,Phoebe | Billable | Manager | 42.10 | 551.00 | 23,197.10 |
| Bouza, Victor | Billable | Manager | 21.20 | 551.00 | 11,681.20 |
| Cahalane,Shawn M. | Billable | Manager | 20.70 | 525.00 | 10,867.50 |
| Carreras,Stephen | Billable | Manager | 4.40 | 551.00 | 2,424.40 |
| Craven,Simone | Billable | Manager | 4.40 | 551.00 | 2,424.40 |
| Davis,Kathleen F. | Billable | Manager | 0.60 | 551.00 | 330.60 |
| Dulceak,Crystal | Billable | Manager | 5.50 | 551.00 | 3,030.50 |
| Gorman,Doug A | Billable | Manager | 190.00 | 551.00 | 104,690.00 |
| Hammon,David Lane | Billable | Manager | 37.50 | 551.00 | 20,662.50 |
| Hung,Mo | Billable | Manager | 27.10 | 551.00 | 14,932.10 |
| Jena,Deepak | Billable | Manager | 3.50 | 551.00 | 1,928.50 |
| Katelas, Andreas | Billable | Manager | 11.00 | 551.00 | 6,061.00 |
| Kurschat,Tim | Billable | Manager | 3.00 | 551.00 | 1,653.00 |
| McPhee, Tiffany | Billable | Manager | 0.80 | 551.00 | 440.80 |
| Mistler,Brian M | Billable | Manager | 27.60 | 551.00 | 15,207.60 |
| Nunna,Ramesh kumar | Billable | Manager | 5.00 | 551.00 | 2,755.00 |
| Oyebefun, Adekunbi | Billable | Manager | 15.00 | 551.00 | 8,265.00 |
| Richardson, Audrey Sarah | Billable | Manager | 1.20 | 551.00 | 661.20 |
| Schernbacher, Maximilian | Billable | Manager | 0.50 | 551.00 | 275.50 |
| Shabanaj,Vlora | Billable | Manager | 2.40 | 551.00 | 1,322.40 |
| Short, Victoria | Billable | Manager | 75.10 | 551.00 | 41,380.10 |
| Srivastava,Nikita Asutosh | Billable | Manager | 15.20 | 551.00 | 8,375.20 |
| Tsikkouris, Anastasios | Billable | Manager | 0.60 | 551.00 | 330.60 |
| Zheng,Eva | Billable | Manager | 38.90 | 551.00 | 21,433.90 |

| Name | Туре | Rank | Hours | Hourly Rate | Total Individual Fees |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Ancona, Christopher | Billable | Senior | 41.00 | 415.00 | 17,015.00 |
| Asim,Malik Umer | Billable | Senior | 2.20 | 415.00 | 913.00 |
| Bote,Justin | Billable | Senior | 21.50 | 415.00 | 8,922.50 |
| Brzozowski, John Charles | Billable | Senior | 37.90 | 415.00 | 15,728.50 |
| Carver, Cody R. | Billable | Senior | 20.40 | 415.00 | 8,466.00 |
| Cassandra Gonzalez-Canal | Billable | Senior | 6.60 | 415.00 | 2,739.00 |
| Chachan, Aparajita | Billable | Senior | 0.50 | 415.00 | 207.50 |
| Di Stefano,Giulia | Billable | Senior | 88.50 | 415.00 | 36,727.50 |
| Dillard,Adam | Billable | Senior | 4.90 | 415.00 | 2,033.50 |
| Figueroa,Carolina S | Billable | Senior | 44.30 | 415.00 | 18,384.50 |
| Fitzgerald,Kaitlin Rose | Billable | Senior | 28.80 | 415.00 | 11,952.00 |
| French,Jake | Billable | Senior | 6.20 | 415.00 | 2,573.00 |
| Gibson,Mitch | Billable | Senior | 37.10 | 415.00 | 15,396.50 |
| Glattstein, Arielle | Billable | Senior | 29.20 | 415.00 | 12,118.00 |
| Hall,Emily Melissa | Billable | Senior | 70.50 | 415.00 | 29,257.50 |
| Haq,Shafay | Billable | Senior | 102.00 | 415.00 | 42,330.00 |
| Hayashi,Rina | Billable | Senior | 1.00 | 415.00 | 415.00 |
| He,Ileana | Billable | Senior | 1.40 | 415.00 | 581.00 |
| Huang,Fei Yu | Billable | Senior | 54.40 | 415.00 | 22,576.00 |
| Huang,Ricki | Billable | Senior | 129.40 | 415.00 | 53,701.00 |
| Huang, Vanesa | Billable | Senior | 0.50 | 415.00 | 207.50 |
| John Mathew, Abel | Billable | Senior | 4.80 | 415.00 | 1,992.00 |
| Katikireddi, Teja Sreenivas | Billable | Senior | 20.00 | 415.00 | 8,300.00 |
| MacLean,Corrie | Billable | Senior | 73.00 | 415.00 | 30,295.00 |
| Marie,Hameed | Billable | Senior | 8.50 | 415.00 | 3,527.50 |
| Marlow,Joe | Billable | Senior | 7.60 | 415.00 | 3,154.00 |
| Masaku,Taiwo | Billable | Senior | 45.00 | 415.00 | 18,675.00 |
| Molnar,Evgeniya | Billable | Senior | 57.20 | 415.00 | 23,738.00 |
| Perez,Ellen Joy | Billable | Senior | 0.50 | 415.00 | 207.50 |
| Reddy,Pranav | Billable | Senior | 2.80 | 415.00 | 1,162.00 |
| Sangster,Mark | Billable | Senior | 0.80 | 415.00 | 332.00 |
| Sun, Yuchen | Billable | Senior | 8.70 | 415.00 | 3,610.50 |
| Wesolowski,Jennifer L | Billable | Senior | 5.80 | 415.00 | 2,407.00 |
| Zhu,Philip | Billable | Senior | 1.00 | 415.00 | 415.00 |
| Akpan,Dorcas | Billable | Staff | 66.00 | 236.00 | 15,576.00 |
| Benavides,Adam | Billable | Staff | 2.30 | 236.00 | 542.80 |
| Braun,Avi | Billable | Staff | 87.50 | 236.00 | 20,650.00 |
| Castillo,Irvin Giovanni | Billable | Staff | 12.30 | 236.00 | 2,902.80 |
| Choudary,Hira | Billable | Staff | 15.10 | 236.00 | 3,563.60 |
| Du,Zhiyun | Billable | Staff | 26.00 | 236.00 | 6,136.00 |
| Eikenes,Ryan | Billable | Staff | 37.30 | 236.00 | 8,802.80 |
| Gabison,Salome | Billable | Staff | 0.50 | 236.00 | 118.00 |

| Name | Туре | Rank | Hours | Hourly Rate | Total Individual Fees |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Geisler, Arthur | Billable | Staff | 29.80 | 236.00 | 7,032.80 |
| Hall,Olivia | Billable | Staff | 3.20 | 236.00 | 755.20 |
| Hernandez, Dylan | Billable | Staff | 2.90 | 236.00 | 684.40 |
| Huang,Yuan | Billable | Staff | 21.90 | 236.00 | 5,168.40 |
| Karan, Anna Suncheuri | Billable | Staff | 106.60 | 236.00 | 25,157.60 |
| Kawahara,Riku | Billable | Staff | 3.00 | 236.00 | 708.00 |
| LaRue,Corey | Billable | Staff | 0.50 | 236.00 | 118.00 |
| Neziroski,David | Billable | Staff | 9.50 | 365.00 | 3,467.50 |
| Nguyen,Thinh | Billable | Staff | 55.90 | 236.00 | 13,192.40 |
| Noda,Sachiho | Billable | Staff | 18.70 | 236.00 | 4,413.20 |
| Ortiz,Daniella | Billable | Staff | 68.40 | 236.00 | 16,142.40 |
| Pierce,Brandon | Billable | Staff | 32.10 | 236.00 | 7,575.60 |
| Ryan, Andersen | Billable | Staff | 11.00 | 236.00 | 2,596.00 |
| Thomas,Sajani | Billable | Staff | 25.10 | 236.00 | 5,923.60 |
| Vasic,Dajana | Billable | Staff | 0.70 | 236.00 | 165.20 |
| Wisniewski-Pena,Fernando | Billable | Staff | 8.80 | 236.00 | 2,076.80 |
| Wong,Maddie | Billable | Staff | 85.30 | 236.00 | 20,130.80 |
| Zhang,Shannon | Billable | Staff | 129.80 | 236.00 | 30,632.80 |
| Zhuo, Melody | Billable | Staff | 99.00 | 236.00 | 23,364.00 |
| Scott,James | Billable | Client Serving Contractor JS | 64.40 | 600.00 | 38,640.00 |
| Scott,James | Travel ¹ | Client Serving Contractor JS | 7.20 | 300.00 | 2,160.00 |
| Knoeller, Thomas J. | Billable | Client Serving Contractor TJK | 8.00 | 430.00 | 3,440.00 |
| Bieganski, Walter | Billable | Client Serving Contractor WB | 15.50 | 200.00 | 3,100.00 |
| | | | | | |
| | | Totals | 3,770.70 | | \$1,899,489.25 |

¹ Travel fees are billed out at 50% bill rate

Blended Hourly Rate: \$503.75

STATEMENT OF FEES BY PROJECT CATEGORY AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2023

| Project Category | Project Category Description | Hours | Fees |
|---|--|--------|------------|
| ACR Bookkeeping/ACR Statutory Reporting | This category includes time spent compile information provided by client, the annual balance sheet, and related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4410 (Revised), Compilation Engagements, or local regulatory requirements, as appropriate. This is to assist client in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements | 220.70 | 103,022.20 |
| Fee/Employment Applications | This category relates to the preparation of EY's employment application and planning and coordinating the professionals' time protocols, preparation of monthly fee statements, preparation of interim fee applications, invoices, and responding to inquiries | 30.20 | 14,335.00 |
| Information Reporting | Reporting of income paid to certain US-based investors, vendors, and independent contractors | 111.10 | 76,293.10 |
| IRS Audit Matters | Responding to the inquiries of the IRS related to current/prior tax years. | 20.30 | 13,864.90 |
| Non US Tax | Taxation of all non-US based or related activities and taxpayers | 466.70 | 186,038.40 |
| Non-Working Travel (billed at 50% of rates) | This category includes all travel time not otherwise chargeable to the Debtors. This time is charged at a 50% rate. | 28.70 | 10,858.85 |
| Payroll Tax | Taxation of Global and US-based payroll and employment tax requirements | 438.00 | 291,110.20 |
| Project Management Office Transition | Preparation for, attendance at and participation in periodic meetings, discussions and analyses regarding coordination of EY services and international teams in order to align on information, assumptions, and issues. | 117.90 | 63,737.10 |
| Tax Advisory | The projects covered by on-call tax advisory services include assistance with tax issues by answering one-off questions, drafting memos describing how specific tax rules work, assisting with general transactional issues, and assisting Client in connection with International Tax Services dealings with tax authorities (other than representing Client in an examination or an appeal before the IRS or other taxing authority). | 244.90 | 121,314.70 |
| Technology | Ingestion, transformation, and analysis of FTX data to be leveraged by the tax workstreams in order to facilitate the preparation and completion of deliverables. | 332.00 | 166,309.40 |

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| Project Category | Project Category Description | Hours | Fees |
|------------------------|---|----------|----------------|
| Transfer Pricing | Determine arm's length pricing in related-party transactions | 459.50 | 245,506.60 |
| US Income Tax | Taxation of all US-based or related activities and taxpayers | 742.10 | 360,384.80 |
| US International Tax | Taxation of all non-US based or related activities as it impacts on US based taxpayers | 245.30 | 108,078.80 |
| US State and Local Tax | Taxation of all US-based or related activities and taxpayers as assessed by each state and local jurisdiction | 290.30 | 124,597.00 |
| Value Added Tax | Taxation of non-US based indirect based or related activities and taxpayers | 23.00 | 14,038.20 |
| Total | | 3,770.70 | \$1,899,489.25 |

SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

| Expense Category | Expense Amount |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Airfare | \$ 2,297.19 |
| Ground Transportation | 958.38 |
| IT Data | 7,843.00 |
| Lodging | 7,739.84 |
| Meals | 2,481.26 |
| Total | \$21,319.67 |

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

| In re: | Chapter 11 |
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| FTX TRADING LTD., et al., ¹ | Case No. 22-11068 (JTD) |
| Debtors. | (Jointly Administered) |
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NINTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS TAX SERVICES PROVIDER TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AND AUGUST 31, 2023

Ernst & Young LLP ("<u>EY LLP</u>"), Tax Services Provider to FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), hereby submits this ninth monthly fee statement (this "<u>Monthly Fee Statement</u>") for compensation for professional services rendered and expenses incurred for the period from August 1, 2023 through and including August 31, 2023 (the "<u>Fee Period</u>"). In support of the Monthly Fee Statement, EY LLP respectfully states as follows:

Background

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022,² the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") voluntary petitions for relief under title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq*. (as amended or modified,

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX. The principal place of business of Debtor Emergent Fidelity Technologies Ltd is Unit 3B, Bryson's Commercial Complex, Friars Hill Road, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

November 11, 2022 is the petition date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of the Debtors' cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [D.I. 231].

- 2. On January 17, 2023, the Court entered the Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of EY LLP as Tax Services Provider *Nunc Pro Tunc* to November 28, 2022 [D.I. 505] authorizing the retention and employment of EY LLP as the Debtors' Tax Services Provider, *nunc pro tunc* to November 28, 2022.
- 3. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures* for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [D.I. 435] (the "Interim Compensation Order").
- 4. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered the Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses [D.I. 834] appointing Katherine Stadler (the "Fee Examiner") to serve as the fee examiner in these Chapter 11 Cases and establishing certain procedures in connection therewith.

Relief Requested

5. By this Monthly Fee Statement and in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, EY LLP makes this application for (i) allowance of compensation as an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates in the amount of \$1,899,489.25 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered, (ii) payment of compensation in the amount of 80%

thereof (in the amount of \$1,519,591.40) and (iii) payment of \$21,319.67 for actual and necessary expenses incurred.

a. Compensation Requested

- 6. The services performed by EY LLP during the Fee Period included tax services. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed itemization, by project category, of all services performed by EY LLP with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases during the Fee Period. This detailed itemization complies with Local Rule 2016-2 in that each time entry contains a separate time allotment, a description of the type of activity and the subject matter of the activity, all time is billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour, time entries are presented chronologically in categories, and all meetings or hearings are individually identified.
- 7. The timekeepers who rendered services related to each category are identified in Exhibit A, along with the number of hours for each individual and the total compensation sought by each category. All services for which EY LLP requests compensation were performed for, or on behalf of, the Debtors.

b. Expense Reimbursement

8. EY LLP incurred out-of-pocket expenses during the Fee Period in the amount of \$21,319.67. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a description of the expenses actually incurred by EY LLP in the performance of services rendered as Tax Services Provider to the Debtors. The expenses are broken down into categories of charges, which may include, among other things, the following charges: airfare, lodging, ground transportation, working meals, and other expenses. Value Added Tax ("VAT") is a consumption tax in which certain foreign firms are required by local tax authority regulations to charge for services performed during this engagement.

9. In accordance with section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, EY LLP seeks reimbursement only for the actual cost of such expenses to EY LLP. EY LLP submits that all such expenses incurred were customary, necessary and related to the Chapter 11 Cases and, by this Monthly Fee Statement, requests reimbursement of the same.

Valuation of Services

- 10. Professionals of EY LLP have expended a total of 3,770.70 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.
- 11. The amount of time spent by each of the professionals' providing services to the Debtors for the Fee Period is set forth in Exhibit A. The rates are EY LLP's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. The reasonable value of the services rendered by EY LLP for the Fee Period as Tax Services Provider for the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases is \$1,899,489.25.
- 12. EY LLP believes that the time entries included in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and the expense breakdown set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.
- 13. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount requested is fair and reasonable given the complexities of these Chapter 11 Cases, the time expended, the nature and extent of the services rendered, the value of such services, and the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

Certificate of Compliance and Waiver

14. The undersigned representative of EY LLP certifies that he has reviewed the requirements of Local Rules 2016-2 and that the Monthly Fee Statement substantially complies with such rule. To the extent that the Monthly Fee Statement does not comply in all

respects with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2, EY LLP believes that such deviations are not material and respectfully requests that any such requirements be waived.

Notice and No Prior Request

15. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been given to the following parties or, in lieu of, to their counsel, if known: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and (d) all parties required to be given notice in the Interim Compensation Order. EY LLP submits that no other or further notice is necessary.

16. No prior request for the relief sought in this Monthly Fee Statement has been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, EY LLP respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court

(i) approve the Monthly Fee Statement and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

/s/ Thomas M. Shea

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